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HISTORY OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY

JESSOP

Not a great deal is known about this family, before coming to N. C. The Virginia records do not yield anything of importance about them, and the Quaker Rec in Nansemond Co, are silent on the subject. They came probably straight from New England, with the Nicholsons, & other families. One ——— Jessop landed in Mass, with ——— Robinson, from Holland, early after the settlement of the Puritans. This of course is only conjecture, as there is no data at hand to prove the said statement. Without records one can not be *positive* about family movements.

Thomas Jessop, came from London in "Bonaventure" Jan 1634, age 18. (Hotten.)

Edward Jessop settled at Fairfield Conn, 1639, and had son Edward.

Joseph Jessop was granted 190a in Perq Pre'ct, "adj Timothy Clare, through the Dismall" Feb 4, 1713/4. Joseph Jessop was brother of Thomas, and names him in his will, probated in Perq Co, Aug 1735. According to this will, Joseph Jessop had no male descendant. He names his nephews: Thomas, to whom he left "plantation on which I now live" and Timothy, & Jonathan Jessop. He left to gr daughter Mary Mayo, "my plantation at the meeting house," wife Margaret, nieces Mary & Elizabeth (dau's of Thomas). He appointed his brother Thomas Ex. The "meeting" house here spoken of was Wells, which stood across the road from the old Jessop home,

and was later moved out on the main road, and is still standing, as part of a barn, owned by Mrs. Jack Trueblood, formerly Jessop. Wells Meeting house was used as a public school house after its abandonment by the Quakers, & was known by the name of "Jessops School house." Mary Mayo here named was a dau of Edward Mayo (son of Edward) who m Mary Clare (d of Timothy). Thomas Jessop from whom descent can be traced, m 1st Jane (widow of Joseph Robinson) dau of Timothy Clare, before Nov 10, 1724, and 2d Mary Ann Martin (d of John of Pasq Co). He died in Perq county before 15, 10mo 1744. Division of his Estate on that date, shows: Wife Mary Admix, children: Thomas (2) Joseph, Munden (part) Elizabeth, Jonathan, & Enoch Jessop, each a part.

Jonathan Jessop was Constable in Perq, July 9, 1766.

The Quaker records of Perq, now at Guilford College, would no doubt throw much light on this family. From that source the following was copied:

Jessop, Jesse, m Sarah ——— issue: 1 Martin, b 17, 12mo 1822—2 Miriam, b 21, 3mo 1825—3 Sarah (d of Jesse, & wife Mary), b 6, 1mo 1828—4 Jonathan, b 17, 9mo 1829.

Sarah wife of Jesse Jessop died 21, 6mo 1825.

Miriam, d of Jesse, & Sarah, died 17, 5mo 1825.

Jonathan, s of Jesse, & Mary, died 6, 10mo 1830.

Mary wife of Jesse, died 7, 9mo 1831.

Thomas Jessop (son of Thomas) (1) died 14, 12mo 1818.

Rachel Jessop (wife of Thomas) died 3, 3mo 1830.

Anna (dau of above) died 29, 12mo 1831.

Jessop, Joshua (son of Thomas dec'd of Perq) m Rachel Evans, (d of Joseph) 19, 5mo 1819, at Suttons Creek.

Thomas, will Perq, p Feb 1819, Sons: Joshua, & Jesse dau's: Elizabeth Lacey, Mary Hollowell, Anna, & Margaret Jessop, son Thomas, wife Rachel.

Jessop, Rachel, will Perq, p May 1824. Dau's: Margaret Saunders, Mary Hollowell, Ann Jessop, son Joshua, son Jesse, son-in-law Joseph Lacey.

Jessop, Timothy, will Perq, p May 1805. Wife Miriam, child in esse, sister Peninah, and her two children: Thomas, & Mary Willard.